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MEQUON TORAH CENTER

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Igniting Minds, Nourishing Souls

The Heart of Jewish Learning

THE JOSEPH AND REBECCA PELTZ
CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

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Welcome

Dear Friends,

As we approach a new year, I am filled with gratitude to welcome you to the Mequon Torah Center. In these times of challenge, we find strength in the timeless wisdom of Torah, which illuminates our paths and enriches our lives with meaning and connection.

The Torah beautifully reminds us, "This commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, nor is it far off" DEUTERONOMY 30:11. This verse encourages us to embrace the study of Torah as an attainable and vital pursuit. It invites us to explore the depths of our heritage and find personal relevance in its teachings. When we engage with Torah, we open ourselves to growth and transformation.

At the Mequon Torah Center, we are thrilled to offer a diverse array of classes, both in person and via Zoom, with many wonderful instructors. There truly is a topic and teacher for everyone, whether you seek to deepen your knowledge or engage in lively, meaningful discussions.

In today's world, adding light through Torah study is more important than ever. Together, we can uplift each other and strengthen our community, creating a sanctuary of learning and growth.

As we approach Rosh Hashanah, I wish you a *kesiva v'chasima tova*—a good inscription and sealing in the Book of Life. May this year be filled with health, happiness, and sweetness for you and your loved ones. I look forward to learning and growing together in the year ahead.

Warmly,

Rabbi Doobie Lisker

Rabbi Doobie Lisker
Mequon Torah Center

Our Instructors

Rabbi Dovid Rapoport

Rabbi Dovid Rapoport, the spiritual leader of The Peltz Center for Jewish Life, is a very gifted educator who has been giving classes for more than 60 years to adults, seniors and children. His regular classes in adult education have been very well received by students from all backgrounds. His tremendous ability to communicate ideas is enhanced by his warmth, personality and sense of humor. Many thousands of students of every age group have benefitted from his inspiring classes, talks and sermons.

Rebbetzin Faige Rapoport

Rebbetzen Fagie Rapoport's passion for Judaisim and her creative style of teaching has give flair and life to her many classes and hands on learning experiences to women of all ages, and covers a wide variety of topics. As a teacher and mentor, she connects with her students with genuine love and care. Hundreds of attendees who passed through her classes attribute their strength of character and Jewish journey to her guidance as a role model, living a life filled with meaning, and a sense of purpose.

Rabbi Doobie Lisker

Meet Rabbi Doobie Lisker, the heart and soul of the Mequon Torah Center! Born and bred in sunny Los Angeles, Rabbi Doobie is a modern-day Torah treasure hunter. He's on a quest to uncover age-old solutions from the Torah's wisdom, tailored to our contemporary world.

Rabbi Doobie thrives on lively discussions and believes in making the intricate teachings of Talmud, Jewish law, mysticism, history, and philosophy easy for everyone to savor. His passion lies in teaching and sharing the gems of Jewish wisdom. Join him on a journey where ancient traditions meet modern-day solutions, guided by the light of Torah.

Mrs. Mushka Lisker

Mushka Lisker, a native Australian with a diverse education in both Australia and Israel, is a warm and engaging educator and mother of three daughters living in Mequon. She has taught in seminary and high school settings, sharing her deep knowledge and enthusiasm for Jewish heritage, history, and laws pertaining to women. Mushka's passion extends to her role as a certified kallah teacher through Mikvah.org, where she guides brides-to-be through this significant life transition.

Rabbi Moshe Rapoport

Moshe Rapoport has always enjoyed exploring the fascinating world of spiritual insights and practical lessons found in the teachings of Chassidus. He has been teaching classes and leading discussion groups for more than 30 years. His style of teachings are a mix of profound insights, light humor and practical application of the study at hand.

Mrs. Dinie Rapoport

Dinie Rapoport's love of teaching and her many years of community service has brought many to her classes. She enjoys giving classes on the weekly Torah portion, raising children and a variety of women's issues, all of them with a focus into lessons for daily life. Her classes have a very relaxed atmosphere and bring joy to all who attend.

Rabbi Menachem Rapoport

Rabbi Menachem Rapoport, the Executive Director of The Peltz Center for Jewish Life, has been providing spiritual and clergy services since 2000. He is often engaged in chavrusa study and chaplaincy services. His ability to communicate nuanced and sensitive ideas is enhanced by his warm and caring personality.

Mrs. Hudi Rapoport

Hudi Rapoport is a seasoned parenting coach with 14 years of experience working closely with children. Hudi excels in bridging the gap between parents and children through empathetic coaching, and her clients appreciate her non-judgmental and supportive approach. In addition to her coaching, she is a dedicated Torah educator, sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm with adult learners in her community.

Rabbi Moshe Luchins

Moshe Luchins, born and raised in Scranton, Pennsylvania, is a dedicated Rabbi with a deep passion for studying the Torah. His commitment to Jewish knowledge has led him to various Jewish Rabbinical schools on the East and West coasts of the US, culminating in the attainment of his Rabbinical Degree in Jerusalem, Israel.

As the Community Engagement Director at The Peltz Center for Jewish Life, Moshe excels at connecting with individuals personally, making Jewish learning enriching and personalized experiences.

Mrs. Sheina Luchins

Sheina was raised in Los Angeles, California, studied at Bais Ohel Chana Los Angeles and graduated from Beth Chana Seminary in Safed, Israel. In 2017, she married Rabbi Moshe and about two years later they joined The Peltz Center For Jewish Life of Mequon in Wisconsin. They've created the Jewish Food Festival and established Jewish Discovery Center in Cedarburg. They love hosting Jews of all backgrounds at their Shabbos table.

Mrs. Tamar Heifitz

Tamar is a passionate educator dedicated to sharing the beauty and intricacies of Hebrew language and culture. With a wealth of knowledge and a nurturing approach, she inspires her students to embrace the richness of Hebrew and connect with its profound historical significance.

Rabbi Motty Spalter

Motty conducts his life as a Shliach and Chosid of the Rebbe. He is passionate about fulfilling the directives of the Rebbe and bringing our world and community along with him.

His warmth and genuine love for his fellow Jew make learning with him authentic and meaningful. He is always open to teaching and giving of his knowledge and particularly finds joy and fulfillment in one on one "Chavruta" study.

Mrs. Rivkie Spalter

Rivkie's life story is about education. She sees herself as a lifelong learner and her life journey has brought her to be a giver and a receiver of knowledge.

Her journey of learning continues through the Mequon Jewish Preschool community; weekly classes, ongoing research in the field of early childhood education and her deep connection to the teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

If you're interested in hosting a class at your home or office on a topic of your choice, please feel free to reach out to **doobie@chabadmequon.org**.

We'd love to hear from you!

RABBI DOVID RAPOPORT

Daily Inspiration with the Rabbi

Enjoy 15 minutes of the Rabbi's wit, wisdom and inspiration.

DAILY 7:00 PM ON zoom

MRS. RIVKIE SPALTER

The Judaism Dialogue

Join Rivkie Spalter for a discussion on the weekly Torah portion and how it integrates and relates to daily life.

MONDAYS 10:30 AM AT MJP

MRS. DINIE RAPOPORT

Through the Lens of Chassidus

FOR WOMEN

MONDAYS 7:30 PM AT CFJL

Study the unique chassidic perspective on the weekly Torah portion, delving into its spiritual and ethical dimensions tailored specifically for a female audience.

RABBI DOOBIE LISKER

Talmud/Halacha

FOR MEN

Uncover the timeless wisdom of the Talmud in this captivating class! Explore the rich tapestry of Jewish thought and engage in meaningful ethical debates, immersing yourself in the rich traditions that have shaped generations of scholars and seekers alike.

MONDAYS
8:15 PM
AT
CFJL

RABBI DOVID RAPOPORT

Speak Yiddish like your Bubby

Yiddish, a vibrant and historically significant language, blends elements of Hebrew, German, and other languages, serving as a cultural bridge that carries the heritage and humor of Jewish communities through generations. With his signature humor and wit Rabbi Rapoport will have you speaking Yiddish in no time!

TUESDAYS
9:15 AM
ON

MRS. HUDI RAPOPORT

Torah & Tea

FOR WOMEN

Sip your favorite tea while savoring the timeless wisdom of the Torah in this delightful class.

TUESDAYS
10:00 AM
AT
THE DELI ON CROWN

RABBI DOOBIE LISKER

The Jewish Law *Lab*

TUESDAYS 7:30 PM AT CFJL

In the Jewish Law Lab, immerse yourself in the fascinating world of ancient Jewish law and wisdom, bridging the gap between the past and present by exploring its practical applications in the complexities of modern life. For men and women.

MRS. RIVKIE SPALTER

MJP Coffee

Welcome to MJP Coffee, your opportunity to connect with other parents in the community while savoring a cup of coffee and tapping into Rivkie's wealth of experience and wisdom. Join us as we explore the intricacies of parenting through the lens of Torah, share insights, and strengthen our families together. It's a supportive and enriching gathering where you can grow as both a parent and a member of our community.

WEDNESDAYS 9:00 AM AT MJP

RABBI MOSHE RAPOPORT

TANYA FOR WOMEN

A text based class on the Tanya, giving light to the purpose of life, and new perspectives on challenges and the struggles we encounter. A long running and much loved class given by Rabbi Moshe Rapoport, for women.

WEDNESDAYS 10:00 AM AT CFJL

RABBI DOOBIE LISKER

Torah **Deep Dive**

WEDNESDAYS 8:15 PM AT CFJL

In each class, we will select a topic or idea from Jewish thought to explore, dissect, and apply to our own lives. Each session will be centered around texts that we will study together, allowing you to examine these ideas independently, engage in discussions, and apply them to your life in your unique manner.

MRS. TAMAR HEIFITZ

Hebrew Language

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00 PM

Unlock the beauty and power of Hebrew as you immerse yourself in this enriching language class. Master the Hebrew alphabet, pronunciation, and basic conversational skills with Tamar Heifetz. Contact Tamar for location information.

MRS. MUSHKA LISKER

Caffeine *for the* Soul

THURSDAYS AT 9:15 AM

Embark on a journey of spiritual discovery where women gather weekly to delve into the sacred teachings of the Torah. Our sessions focus on texts from Tanach that pertain to women, with a special emphasis on family. In addition, we provide a nurturing environment that welcomes children of all ages and offers engaging activities and snacks. Join us as we foster deep connections and explore timeless wisdom together. Contact Mushka for location information.

RABBI DOVID RAPOPORT

Pre-Shabbos Sermon

Join the rabbi for this uplifting and inspiring virtual sermon. In these unusual times, as we prepare to welcome Shabbos in our own homes, let the Rabbi assist you in getting into the full Shabbos spirit!

FRIDAYS 1:00 PM ON zoom

RABBI MOSHE RAPOPORT

Sicha Class

SHABBAT MORNINGS 8:45 AM AT CFJL

Dive into the profound teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe in this captivating Sicha class. Explore the Rebbe's transformative talks, and uncover the brilliance of his insights, as we journey through the treasures of Chassidic thought together.

RABBI DOOBIE LISKER

Breaking it Down

WITH RABBI DOOBIE

Embark on a captivating and comprehensive exploration of the rich tapestry of Jewish knowledge, from the depths of history to the heights of philosophy and law, as we traverse the intricate landscapes of Torah, Talmud, and beyond, delving into the essence of Jewish thought and wisdom that continues to shape our world today.

Spring/Summer Shabbatot after Mincha at Sanctuary in CFJL

FOR MEN AND WOMEN

HUDI RAPOPORT

L'CHAIM AND LEARNING FOR WOMEN

Yisraelim of Mequon

"L'Chaim and Learning" is a lively Torah class for the Israeli community's women. Come together for spirited discussions, joyful "L'Chaim" to life, and an inspiring study session that combines socializing with the wisdom of Jewish teachings. Join Hudi to connect, learn, and celebrate both faith and friendship. Contact Hudi for location information.

BI-MONTHLY

RABBI DOOBIE LISKER

Yisraelim of Mequon Social Learning

FOR MEN

Join Rabbi Doobie for a spirited men's Torah class designed for the Israeli community. Dive into topical and relevant Torah discussions while embracing the lively atmosphere. Contact Rabbi Doobie for location information.

BI-MONTHLY

RABBI DOOBIE LISKER

Torah on Tap

JMEQUON SOCIAL & STUDY

Enjoy local craft beers and deli bites while diving into intriguing Torah topics with Doobie. It's a casual and enlightening experience you won't want to miss.

BI-MONTHLY

This Fall

NURTURING RELATIONSHIPS

Jewish Wisdom for Building Deeper, Richer Connection in All Your Relationships

JLI

Lesson outline

1/ THE ART OF EMPATHY

Unlock the source of all great social connections and see how Judaism's understanding of empathy enables deep, meaningful friendships that nourish your soul.

2/ THE ART OF LISTENING

See how your attention shapes every relationship. Discover the power of attentive listening and why every word shared is worthwhile, and gain practical tools for effective, active listening.

3/ THE ART OF DISAGREEING

Does love conquer all? Explore when direct communication on hard topics is healthy, and when it's not; and see how to sidestep personal offense, maintain grace, and achieve growth while navigating conflict.

4/ THE ART OF POSITIVITY

How can we stay connected to flawed people? Learn to identify biases that misconstrue our view of others, and unlock the tools Jewish thought offers for seeing the goodness hiding in plain sight.

5/ THE ART OF INFLUENCE

Learn the limits of "live and let live." See how Jewish texts chart a kind, considerate, and effective path for offering critique and guidance grounded in genuine love and respect.

6/ THE ART OF FORGIVENESS

How can we rebuild after hurt? Explore a realistic approach to forgiveness that addresses wrongs while overcoming resentment, rescuing connections, and rebuilding relationships.

→ Six Tuesdays starting November 12
at The Peltz Center for Jewish Life
chabadmequon.org/elevate

Inside the Story, Substance, and Significance of the Book that Defines Judaism

DECODING THE TALMUD

Instructor **Rabbi Doobie Lisker**

SIX TUESDAYS STARTING FEBRUARY 4, 2024

7:30–9:00 p.m. on Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, and 11
at The Peltz Center for Jewish Life

LESSON OVERVIEW

1 Why Is Everyone Reading Law?

The Talmud is Judaism's treasure. Jews spend hours each week reading it. But it's a book of law. Who reads law? Lawyers and law students! Why are so many business people, doctors, construction workers, and artists reading law books? In this lesson, we will learn about the nature of Jewish law: the Oral Torah that was given by G-d to Moses and transmitted through the centuries.

2 The Mishnah: Documenting Our Covenant with G-d

The Oral Law had always been transmitted orally. But, as Jewish life came under increasing pressure from the Roman occupiers of the Land of Israel, a group of remarkable rabbis made the decision to create an official text of the Oral Law and, eventually, to commit it to writing.

3 Decoding the Mishnah

The Mishnah's composition in the second century changed the Jewish world. For the next three hundred years, the amora'im engaged in a passionate, intense effort to decode the Mishnah and uncover the meanings hidden in each line. Lesson 3 will focus on the major questions that the amorai'm asked about each Mishnah and how they went about answering these questions.

4 The Amora'im and the Book They Composed

The Gemara was written by the amora'im, who lived over the course of three centuries in Israel and Babylonia. In Lesson 4, we will meet them and learn about the historic forces that shaped their lives.

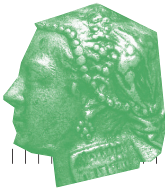
5 Talmudic Thinking

The Gemara kop—the "head of the Talmudist" is one of the most valuable assets of the Jewish people. The Gemara does not only elucidate Jewish law; it also teaches generations of Jews how to think. We will see the difference between the Talmud Yerushalmi's relatively straightforward treatment of a Mishnah and the Talmud Bavli's winding, indirect approach. We will come to understand that the Bavli's style is not a drawback—it is what makes the Talmud the treasure of the Jewish people.

6 The Talmud's Posterity

The Talmud's journey over the past 1,500 years has seen it carried to all corners of the world. Lesson 6 explores the Talmud's history from its composition to the present. We will highlight the work of the codifiers and commentators and the challenges of censorship and persecution that have plagued the Talmud over the years.

REGISTER AT
www.chabadmequon.org/JLI



Colorful Profiles

Short Stories of Extraordinary and Unexpected Characters from Jewish History

Rabbi Doobie Lisker
Instructor

JLI

Join this four-week journey to encounter twelve stories of Jewish history's most fascinating men and women. Discover the incredible Jewish lives of converts, captives, royal advisors, philosophers, philanthropists, and more. You'll be fascinated by their sacrifices, adventures, and achievements, and get a vivid look at our people's rich heritage and history.

LESSON OVERVIEW

Week 1

This lesson explores the fascinating life stories of three converts to Judaism: Onkelos, Ovadiah of Normandy, and Avraham ben Avraham. Through their remarkable lives we will discover what it means to become a Jew, and learn about the invaluable contributions converts have made to Jewish life.

Week 2

In this lesson, we explore the respective dramas and triumphs of three rabbis: Shmuel Hanagid, Menashe ben Israel, and Ovadiah Seforno. These personalities provide us with remarkable insight into the historic Jewish mission of serving as "a light unto the nations," and teach us how to become part of this mission ourselves.

Week 3

This lesson delves into the experiences of three extraordinary women: Doña Gracia, Rebbetzin Bayla Katz, and Glikl of Hameln. They collectively gift us with fresh insight into the unique role of Jewish women as nurturers of their families, communities, and faith.

Week 4

In this lesson, we explore the sagas of the four captive rabbis, as well as Rabbi Meir of Rothenburg and Rabbi Yaakov Koppel Margolis and his fellow captives from the 1648 Khmelnytskyi Massacres. Their moving stories of tragedy and bravery leave us with insightful reflections on the foundations of Jewish unity and the extent of our responsibilities toward Jewish hostages.

Four Sundays starting May 4, 2025
9:15 AM at The Peltz Center for Jewish Life

REGISTER AT www.ChabadMequon.org/JLI

Join Rebbetzin Fagie for her special weekly classes

Trust and Faith

TUESDAY MORNINGS
8:00 AM

THURSDAY MORNINGS
8:00 AM

zoom

Reading Hebrew

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
7:30 AM

MONDAY MORNINGS
7:30 AM

zoom

Support of Israel

THURSDAY MORNINGS
10:00 AM

IN PERSON

Customs and Laws

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
8:00 AM

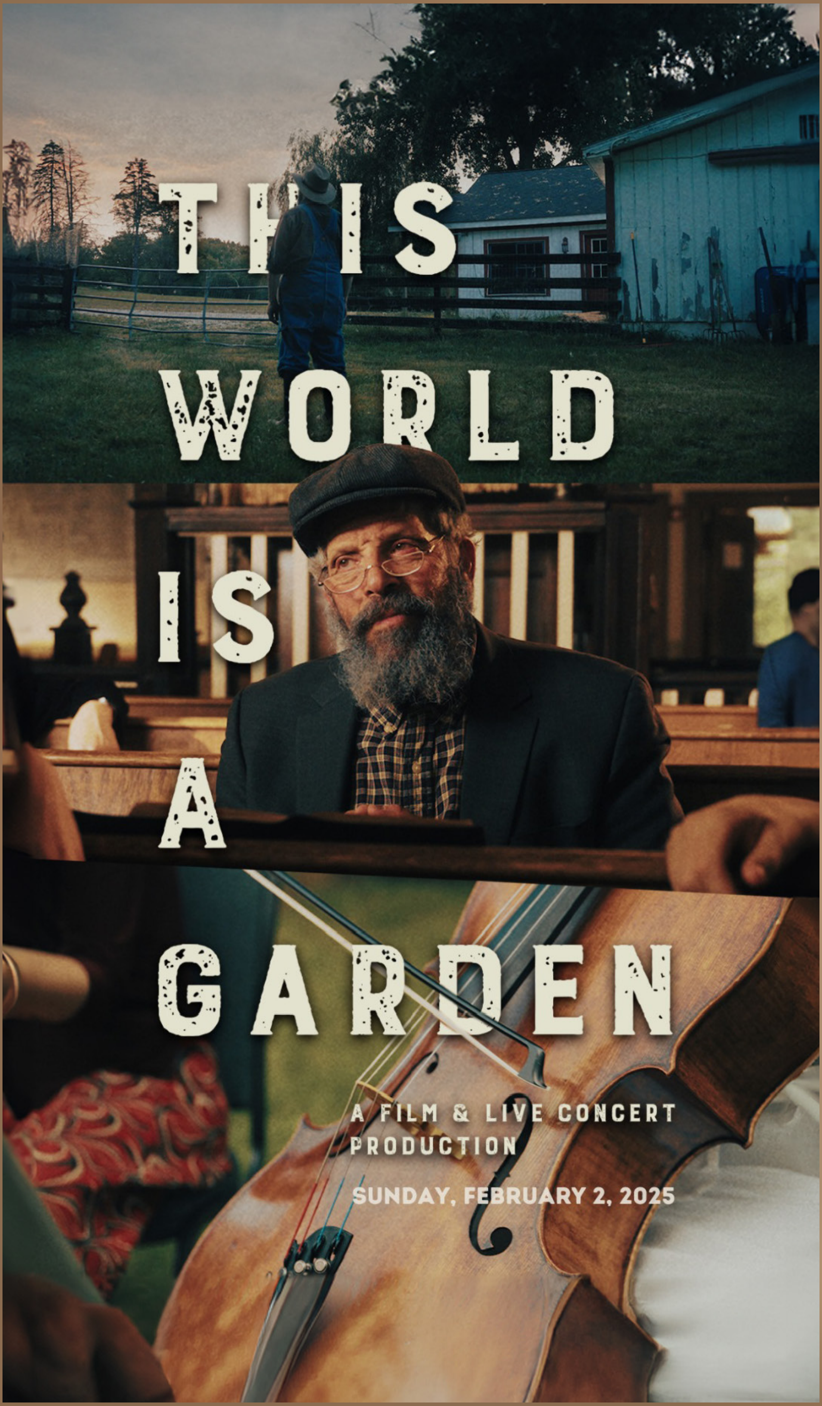
zoom

Gates of Trust

TEXT BASED

THURSDAY MORNINGS
8:30 AM

zoom


THIS WORLD IS A GARDEN
A FILM & LIVE CONCERT PRODUCTION
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

THIS WORLD IS A GARDEN

EXPERIENCE THE INTERSECTION OF SPIRITUAL INSIGHT AND ARTISTIC EXPRESSION AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH G-D'S GARDEN, ILLUMINATED BY THE REBBE'S TIMELESS TEACHINGS.

Inspired by the Rebbe's seminal chassidic discourse, Basi L'gani (translated as "I Came to My Garden"), this innovative production blends captivating visuals with a live string quartet performance to explore a profound spiritual vision. Basi L'gani is a foundational maamar, or Chassidic teaching, delivered by the Lubavitcher Rebbe. This discourse articulates a vision of the world as G-d's garden—a place of inherent sanctity and divine purpose.

PERFORMANCE DETAILS

The program features a series of seven short films, each depicting a unique aspect of the vision outlined in Basi L'gani. Narrated through the lens of a Chassidic farmer tending his personal patch of garden, these films convey themes of hope, perseverance, and the passage of time.

Following each film, the audience will experience a performance of one of the Seven Rebbeim's niggunim (Chassidic melodies). These compositions, arranged specifically for this program by Maestro Israel Edelson, will be performed by a live string quartet, adding a rich musical dimension to the visual storytelling.

RUNTIME: 1 HOUR

A WORK OF HEART

BETWEEN ME AND G-D

HOW JEWISH PRAYER
UNITES HEAVEN AND EARTH

Should we pray? Granted, prayer has been a key feature of Jewish life for four millennia. But what is its goal, how is it done, and why are ancient and formal rituals relevant to us nowadays?

The Rosh Chodesh Society's upcoming course, *A Work of Heart*, flings the cover off the Jewish prayer book, the prayer services, and the synagogue—exposing the beating and beautiful heart of prayer that breathes within. It reveals prayer as an art and an opportunity, a means of human-to-G-d bonding, a journey of self-discovery, a perspective-changer, and an exercise in self-empowerment.

ROSHCHODESH society

A monthly series of classes for women
At The Peltz Center for Jewish Life

Six Wednesdays—Nov 30, 2024, Dec 4, Jan 8 2025, Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7

Register with **Dinie@ChabadMequon.org**
ChabadMequon.org/RCS *or call* **(262) 242-2235**

1 · A WORK OF SOUL
A New Paradigm for Prayer

2 · A WORK OF PLEAS
Understanding the Mechanics of Petition

3 · A WORK OF ASCENT
Making Sense of Liturgy, One Step at a Time

4 · A WORK OF PRAISE
Finding G-d in Our World

5 · A WORK OF TRANSCENDENCE
Achieving True Transcendence in Prayer

6 · A WORK OF SYNTHESIS
Synthesizing Divinity and Materiality in the Amidah

7 · A WORK OF ALLIANCE
Finding Meaning in Communal Prayer

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PODCAST

Unlocking Torah's Mysteries with Rabbi Doobie Lisker

Listen and subscribe to Mequon Torah Center's podcast, 'Unlocking Torah's Mysteries with Rabbi Doobie Lisker.' The podcast that takes you on a fascinating journey through the intricate world of Torah, Chassidus (Jewish mysticism), philosophy, and halacha (Jewish law), all made accessible and engaging. Join Rabbi Doobie as he unravels complex Torah concepts and delivers them to you in a clear, easy-to-digest manner.

Listen on Apple Podcasts

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YESHIVA NIGHT

FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Have you ever wished you could sit in one of those expansive Yeshivah halls and study Torah to your heart's content? To sit across a study partner and plumb the ancient texts of our tradition? Join us to experience a "taste of Yeshiva."

PRE-PURIM
MARCH 6, 2024

PRE-PESACH
APRIL 3, 2024

PRE-SHAVUOS
MAY 28, 2024

CFJL Book Club

TO JOIN, CONTACT
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MEQUON JEWISH

Business Network

The Jewish Business Network (JBN) is an initiative of the Mequon Torah Center in partnership with Jewish entrepreneurs and business leaders, who focus on building their network, growing their businesses, and helping others do the same.

Our goal is to build a thriving business community grounded in Jewish values, ethics, and a commitment to learning, while increasing the revenue and profits of our members.

The JBN provides opportunities for members to develop business connections and growth in a professional and social environment, and to work together for their mutual benefit.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BECOME A MEMBER, CONTACT

Rabbi Doobie Lisker

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MEQUON TORAH CENTER INVITES YOU TO

JOIN US FOR SUMMERTIME

FIRESIDE CHATS

This summer, enjoy inspiring evenings of thought-provoking discussions with local and guest lecturers. Delve into contemporary topics through the lens of Torah and connect with our community, fireside.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

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